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Art Unit 2631

Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Application No. 09/525,615; Filed: March 14, 2000
For: **Method, System and Apparatus for Balanced Frequency Up-Conversion of a Baseband Signal and 4-Phase Receiver and Transceiver**

Inventors: Sorrells *et al.*
Our Ref: 1744.0450003

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Fee Transmittal (Form PTO/SB/17);
2. Fourth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement;
3. Form PTO-1449 (3 pages);
4. Copy of (1) cited document (Document No. AP59); and
5. Return postcard; and
6. PTO-2038 Credit Card Payment Form for \$180.00 to cover:
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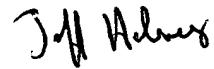
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 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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1002 350	2002 175	Design filing fee	
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Independent Claims	10	- 11 ** = 0 X \$88.00 = \$0.00	
Multiple Dependent		\$300.00	= \$0.00

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1805 1,840*	1805 1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
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1252 430	2252 215	Extension for reply within second month	
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1255 2,080	2255 1,040	Extension for reply within fifth month	
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1403 300	2403 150	Request for oral hearing	
1451 1,510	1451 1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452 110	2452 55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
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In re application of:

Sorrells *et al.*

Appl. No.: 09/525,615

Filed: March 14, 2000

For: **Method, System and Apparatus
for Balanced Frequency Up-
Conversion of a Baseband Signal
and 4-Phase Receiver and
Transceiver**

Confirmation No.: 7843

Art Unit: 2631

Examiner: Phu, Phuong M.

Atty. Docket: 1744.0450003

Fourth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement

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Sir:

Listed on accompanying Form PTO-1449 are documents that may be considered material to the examination of this application, in compliance with the duty of disclosure requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98. The numbering on this Fourth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is a continuation of the numbering in Applicants' Third Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed on July 22, 2004 in connection with the above-captioned application.

Applicants have listed publication dates on the attached Form PTO-1449 based on information presently available to the undersigned. However, the listed publication dates should not be construed as an admission that the information was actually published on the date indicated.

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Applicants provide the following comments regarding the documents:

Document AE56 was cited in an Office Action, mailed August 17, 2004, in related U.S. Patent Application No. 09/476,093, filed January 3, 2000, entitled "Communication System Method With Multi-Mode and Multi-Band Functionality and Embodiments Thereof, Such as the Family Radio Service," directed to related subject matter.

Documents AF56-AI56, AA57, and AB57 were cited in an Office Action, mailed August 25, 2004, in related U.S. Patent Application No. 10/290,323, filed November 8, 2002, entitled "Method and Apparatus for DC Offset Removal in a Radio Frequency Communication Channel," directed to related subject matter.

Documents AC57-AE57 were cited in an Office Action, mailed September 8, 2004, in related U.S. Patent Application No. 09/632,857, filed August 4, 2000, entitled "Wireless Local Area Network (WLAN) Technology and Applications Including Techniques of Universal Frequency Translation," directed to related subject matter.

Documents AF57-AI57 were cited in an Office Action, mailed September 8, 2004, in related U.S. Patent Application No. 09/986,764, filed November 9, 2001, entitled "Method and Apparatus for Reducing DC Offsets in a Communication System," directed to related subject matter.

Documents AA58 and AP59 were cited in an Office Action, mailed September 21, 2004, in related U.S. Patent Application No. 09/567,977, filed May 10, 2000, entitled

"Optical Down-converter Using Universal Frequency Translation," directed to related subject matter.

Documents AB58-AE58 were cited in a Notice of Allowance, mailed September 27, 2004, in related U.S. Patent Application No. 09/987,193, filed November 13, 2001, entitled "Method and Apparatus for a Parallel Correlator and Applications Thereof," directed to related subject matter.

Document AF58 was cited in an Office Action, mailed September 29, 2004 in related U.S. Patent Application No. 09/632,857, filed August 4, 2000, entitled " Wireless Local Area Network (WLAN) Technology and Applications Including Techniques of Universal Frequency Translation," directed to related subject matter.

This statement should not be construed as a representation that information more material to the examination of the present patent application does not exist. The Examiner is specifically requested not to rely solely on the material submitted herewith.

Applicants have checked the appropriate boxes below.

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- 6. A concise explanation of the relevance of non-English language documents appears below:
- 7. A copy of document AP59 is submitted. However, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2), no copies of U.S patents and patent application publications cited on the attached Form PTO-1449 are submitted.
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	AE56	4,132,952	01/1979	Hongu et al.			
	AF56	4,441,080	04/1984	Saari			
	AG56	4,873,492	10/1989	Myer			
	AH56	5,697,074	12/1997	Makikallio et al.			
	AI56	5,784,689	07/1998	Kobayashi			

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	AP	59	Deboo, Gordon J., <i>Integrated Circuits and Semiconductor Devices</i> , 2 nd Edition, McGraw-Hill, Inc., pp. 41-45 (1977).
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	AB57	6,690,232 B2	02/2004	Ueno et al.			
	AC57	5,636,140	06/1997	Lee et al.			
	AD57	6,366,622 B1	04/2002	Brown et al.			
	AE57	6,600,795 B1	07/2003	Ohta et al.			
	AF57	4,250,458	02/1981	Richmond et al.			
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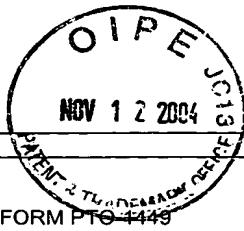
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	AA58	6,064,054	05/2000	Waczynski et al.			
	AB58	5,218,562	06/1993	Basehore et al.			
	AC58	5,239,496	08/1993	Vancraeynest			
	AD58	5,896,304	04/1999	Tiemann et al.			
	AE58	6,005,903	12/1999	Mendelovicz			
	AF58	5,834,979	11/1998	Yatsuka			
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